

HOUSE BILL NO. 459.

Executive Office,
State of Texas.

Austin, April 1, 1909.

To the Secretary of State:

I herewith transmit for file in the office of the Secretary of State House bill No. 459 without my approval. It is proposed by this bill to create the office of deputy county superintendent for the counties of Harris and Travis, and prescribes the duties and qualifications of such officers, and is objectionable on the following grounds: First, the creation of these new offices is believed to be unnecessary and as involving an unnecessary expense to the taxpayers. Second, the duties defined and imposed on the deputy county superintendents provided for by said bill take from the county superintendent of the schools of said counties practically all of the duties of that office other than the duties of visiting the schools. Third, Section 2 of the bill provides that the county superintendent of the counties of Harris and Travis shall be allowed traveling expenses to be paid out of the general fund of the respective counties not to exceed \$300 per annum, and I can not give my approval to a law authorizing the payment of traveling expenses to county officers while traveling in their respective counties.

T. M. CAMPBELL,
Governor of Texas.